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**ANCHORAGE MAN SENTENCED IN FEDERAL COURT TO 16 MONTHS
FOR PASSPORT FRAUD AND ALASKA PERMANENT FUND FRAUD**

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced today, November 30, 2007, that John D. Whitehead, a/k/a David Brent Canterbury, a resident of Anchorage, Alaska, was sentenced in federal court in Anchorage to 16 months in prison for his conviction of obtaining passport in a false name and using another person's social security number and name to obtain Alaska Permanent Fund Dividends. He was also ordered to pay \$3,912.00 in restitution to the Alaska Permanent Fund Division, serve three years supervised release, and pay a \$600 special assessment to the U.S. Clerk of Courts.

United States District Court Judge Ralph R. Beistline imposed the sentence on Whitehead, age 37.

According to information presented to the court by Assistant United States Attorney Tom Bradley, Whitehead was arrested by the Anchorage Police Department in April on a fugitive warrant from North Carolina, which charged him with a parole violation on a conviction for taking indecent liberties with a minor. Whitehead had been living in Illinois, Washington, and Alaska for over seven years under the assumed identity of David Canterbury. Whitehead admitted that he met Canterbury in Illinois and stole his identity. Whitehead was found in possession of the false U.S. passport, a social security card, and other identification in Canterbury's name. While living in Alaska, Whitehead applied for Permanent Fund Dividends under the false name. Any material false statement in a PFD application makes the claim void, and the person is not eligible for that dividend for the next five years. After serving federal prison time, Whitehead faces parole violation charges in North Carolina.

Mr. Cohen commended the U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service; Social Security Administration, Office of the Inspector General; Alaska Permanent Fund Division, Criminal Investigation for the investigation leading to the successful prosecution of Whitehead.

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